

Activity Review

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

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Certificate Renewals Will Be Mailed Early

North Carolina CPAs will find more than holiday bills in their mailboxes in late January and early February.

The Board will mail 2001-2002 certificate renewal forms to all North Carolina licensees in mid- to late January. Although the certificate renewal forms will be mailed about three months earlier than usual, the annual certificate renewal deadline will remain June 30.

According to Robert N. Brooks, the Board's Executive Director, the decision to mail the renewal forms in January, rather than April, was made by the Board to accommodate licensees and also to allow Board staff more time to process the renewal forms.

Says Brooks, "Over the years, a significant number of licensees have asked the Board to consider mailing the certificate renewal forms prior to April 15."

"A majority of our licensees are in industry, not public practice, and these licensees have long expressed a desire to complete and submit the certificate renewal form soon after the deadline for completing the annual continuing professional education (CPE) requirement."

"Pursuant to the Board's rule on certificate renewal (21 NCAC 8J .0101), all active CPAs must renew their certificates annually by July 1," explains Brooks. "However, there is not a rule that addresses when the Board must

send out the renewal forms. It just makes sense to send out the renewal forms early and let the licensees submit the forms as early as they can."

Another benefit of extending the certificate renewal period is the projected "leveling out" of work flow for the Board staff.

Buck Winslow, Manager of Licensing, believes that a large portion of licensees will complete the renewal form and submit it to the Board well before the June 30 deadline.

"Because so many of the renewals generally come in during late May and June, every year the Board must hire seasonal personnel to help process renewals," explains Winslow.

"By spreading the renewal period over five months instead of less than three months, I think staff will be better able to keep up with the demand."

"I think a number of licensees will complete the form and submit it to the Board early, "says Winslow. "I certainly hope that the licensees will take advantage of the opportunity to submit their renewal forms early."

Although the certificate renewal deadline will remain June 30, licensees are encouraged to complete and submit their renewal forms as early as possible.

If you have questions about the renewal form, please contact the Board by telephone at (919) 733-4222.

CPA Firm Renewal and SQR Compliance Due

All CPA firms, individual practitioners, partnerships, professional limited liability companies and registered limited liability partnerships must complete their CPA firm renewal and SQR compliance form and have it postmarked by December 31, 2000.

Pursuant to 21 NCAC 8J .0111, failure to submit the properly completed form by the deadline may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

If your CPA firm has not received its form or if you have questions about the form, please contact the Board's Licensing Section by telephone at (919) 733-1421 or (919) 733-4223.

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Licensing Activity

Reinstatements

Kimberly Neil Evans #13689 Marshall Kim Harkins #15076 Roger Michael Jones #20480 Patrick Matthew Shaughness #23130

Elizabeth Batchelor West #16059

Reissuance

William H. Witbrodt #16567

Board Approves Publication of CPE Conditionals

At its October 9, 2000, meeting, the Board approved a policy allowing publication of the name and city of any licensee whose license is placed on conditional status for failure to complete the Board's annual CPE requirement [21 NCAC 8G .0401(e)] prior to the end of the calendar year.

The policy is effective beginning with licensees who are placed on conditional status for first failure within a five calendar year period to complete the annual CPE requirement before the deadline of December 31, 2000, and those licensees who are placed on conditional status and fined a \$100.00 civil penalty for second failure within a five year period to complete the annual CPE requirement before the December 31, 2000, deadline [21 NCAC 8G .0406(b)(1)(2)].

Board Office Closed

The offices of the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners will be closed Monday, December 25, 2000, and Tuesday, December 26, 2000, in observance of Christmas.

In addition, the Board will be closed Monday, January 1, 2001, in observance of New Year's Day.

The Board's web site (www.state.nc.us/cpabd) will be available during these times.

AICPA Releases SSARS No. 8

The Accounting and Review Services Committee (ARSC) of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) recently issued Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS) No. 8, Amendment to Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services No. 1, Compilation and Review of Financial Statements.

SSARS No. 8 will make fundamental changes to the way in which accountants view the compilation engagement. SSARS No. 8 creates new options for accountants when performing compilation engagements in which the financial statements are not expected to be used by a third party, and also allows the accountant to use his or her professional judgment in dealing with the client. Some of the major changes are:

• Revising the definition of submission. By modifying the definition of submission, the majority of the applicability problems that the profession is facing would be solved.

Under SSARS No. 8, submission of financial statements is defined as "presenting to a client or third partied financial statements that the accountant has prepared either manually or through the use of computer software." Although practitioners will still have to use their professional judgment to determine if they have pre-

pared and presented a financial statement, this modification was the best way to address today's technological environment, while still maintaining a minimum level of service.

- Under SSARS No. 8, if an accountant submits financial statements to a client that are not expected to be used by a third party, the following communication options are available:
 - Issuing a compilation report in accordance with the reporting requirements of SSARS No. 1
 - Documenting an understanding with entity through the use of an engagement letter, preferably signed by management, regarding the services to be performed and the limitations on the use of those financial statements.

The ARSC believes by offering these communication options when performing a compilation, the accountant will use his or her professional judgment about the type of communication options appropriate for the client, provide a quality service, and appropriately respond to the needs of clients.

SSARS No. 8 is effective for financial statements submitted after December 31, 2000.

Reclassifications

Pursuant to 21 NCAC 8A .0301(b)(23), the following individuals have requested and been approved for inactive status from the Board. These individuals are no longer CPAs and therefore cannot use the title, "certified public accountant" and cannot be referred to as a "certified public accountant" in any representation whatsoever:

11/14/00	Kathryn Anne Rostollan	Charlotte, NC
11/15/00	Renee Harris Tooke	Greer, SC
11/17/00	Charles W. Hafner	Charlotte, NC
11/20/00	Kristi Linn Nykamp	Pineville, NC
11/27/00	Sharon Sowers Hope	Raleigh, NC
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Jurisdictions Make Licensee Information Available On-Line

As more boards of accountancy establish web sites, many boards are making their licensee and firm databases available on-line. The list below shows the 33 jurisdictions, including North Carolina, which have licensee and firm information available on-line.

Alabama Alaska Arizona **Arkansas** California Colorado Florida Georgia Idaho Illinois Iowa **Kansas** Kentucky Maryland Massachusetts Michigan

Montana New Jersey **New York** North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oregon South Carolina South Dakota **Tennessee** Utah Vermont Washington West Virginia Wisconsin **Wyoming**

Ull Now Required on HUD Audited Financial Submissions

The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced that a unique independent public accountant identifier (UII) will be required on all audited financial submissions of HUD-assisted Multifamily projects (MFs) and Public Housing Authorities (PHAs).

A UII is a randomly generated, permanently assigned, five-digit number that HUD will use to identify the independent public accountant (IPA) offices that perform audit and attestation services for PHAs and MFs.

The UII will allow HUD to identify the IPA offices performing the audits and attestations for HUD-assisted properties. This information will permit REAC to select firms for a quality assurance review based on relative risk to HUD.

Each IPA office that performs audit and/or attestation services for a PHA or MF will need to obtain a UII. Only one UII will be assigned per IPA office; individuals within an office do not need to obtain a UII. However, if you are an individual practitioner, you will need to obtain a UII for your practice.

Before obtaining a UII, you must be registered with HUD's secure systems. If you do not have a user ID to access HUD's secure systems, you must apply for one.

Instructions to apply for and receive a user ID can be found at (www.hud.gov/reac/tools/regis_instrc.html).

Instructions for obtaining a UII can be found by visiting the Quality Assurance Subsystem (QASS) web site (www.hud.gov/reac/products/prodqass.html).

Certificates Issued

The following applications for certification were approved by the Board at its November 20, 2000, meeting:

Daniel Roberto Almazan V. Elizabeth Presnell Keith Earl Horton Susan Jane Almerez Christi L. Ivens Amanda Rebecca Price Brandy Lynn Avera Neldon L. Jarvis Thomas Brent Quick Richard Joseph Battle Kelly J. Johnson Franchon Lynette Randall Patrick C. Beach Liana Baldessari Johnson Heather L. Raudenbush Kenneth L. Beir Margaret Denise Johnson Jennifer Lynn Rhodes Stacy Lee Bennick Christopher Thomas Jones Charles Hampton Roberts, III

Karl J. Beyer Jane Crawford Jones Ma. Rebecca Montelibano Robinson Sequoya Santana Borgman Stephen H. Jones Brooke Marie Roetgerman

Kathleen Marie Schulze

Melanie Renee Shandick

Mary-Beth Pleasant Sewells

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Ramona Pridgen Burns Fang Liu Amy Rae Shippy
Torsea Mario Cabo

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Marilyn L. Charles

Michael Clark, Jr.

Bharti Mathur

Kenneth R. Sossoman

Katie Smith Matthews

Cari F. Stackpole

Kevin Michael McColgan

Sarah Elizabeth Standley

Brian David Conner

Jenna Leigh McPartland

Tyrone Yamani Cox

Windi H. Mossimor

Sara E. Stebbins

Shannan Cox le Sylves

E. Reid Craig
Lydia Claire Custer

Windi H. Measimer
Shannon Coyle Sykes
Zohreh Taraz
Preston Hays Minor
Jolie Michelle Taylor

Renneth Ray Diggins
Pamela Denise Dotson
Richard Stephen Edmonds
Preston Hays Minor
A. Amanda Abbott Mixon
Betsy Brewer Moore
Travis Nathan Tenney
Sandi Ozment Thorman

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Amy Lynn Embry
Dee Rogers Moore
Robert Merle Moore, Jr.
Susan L. Toppin
Amy Phillips Torvinen

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Hayxa Garrido Kenneth Wayne Mullins Eric Dale Wheatley
Christopher Adam Goebel Keith Gregory Muncy Sharon Parker Whelan

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Wendell Lewis Hendrix Frances J. Pearce Jason Thomas Yaudes
Carole Holly Hill Katharine Seichler Phillips Thomas R. Ziegler

Amended Statute Effective January 1, 2001

In July 1997, the North Carolina General Assembly amended North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 93-12(5) to state that after December 31, 2000, an individual must have satisfactorily completed at least 150 hours of college-level coursework including a bachelors degree with a concentration in accounting before being eligible for certification as a North Carolina CPA.

The amended statute, which is applicable to applications for certificates of qualification received after December 31, 2000, reads as follows:

NCGS 93-12 Board of Certified Public Accountants

(5) To issue certificates of qualification admitting to practice as certified public accountants, each applicant who, having the qualifications herein specified, has passed an examination to the satisfaction of the Board, in "accounting," "auditing," "business law," and other related subjects.

A person is eligible to take the examination given by the Board, or to receive a certificate of qualification to practice as a certified public accountant, if the person is a citizen of the United States, has declared the intention of becoming a citizen, is a resident alien, or is a citizen of a foreign jurisdiction which extends to citizens of this State like or similar privileges to be examined or certified, is 18 years of age or over, and is of good moral character.

To be eligible to take the examination given by the Board, a person shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that the person holds a bachelors degree from a college or university that is accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations or from a college or university determined by the Board to have standards that are substantially equivalent to a regionally accredited institution. The degree studies shall include a concentration in accounting as prescribed by the Board or shall be supplemented

with courses that are determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to a concentration in accounting.

The Board may, in its discretion, waive the education requirement of any candidate if the Board is satisfied from the result of a special written examination given the candidate by the Board to test the candidate's educational qualifications that the candidate is as well qualified as if the candidate met the education requirements specified above. The Board may provide by regulation for the general scope of such examinations and may obtain such advice and assistance as it deems appropriate to assistitin preparing, administering and grading such special examinations.

To be eligible to receive a certificate of qualification to practice as a certified public accountant, a person shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that:

- a. The person has completed 150 semester hours and received a bachelors degree with a concentration in accounting and other courses that the Board may require from a college or university that is accredited by a regional accrediting association or from a college or university determined by the Board to have standards that are substantially equivalent to those of a regionally accredited institution.
- b. The person has the endorsement as to the person's eligibility of three certified public accountants who currently hold licenses in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.
- c. The person has one of the following:
- 1. One year's experience in the field of accounting under the direct supervision of a certified public accountant who currently holds a valid license in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.
- 2. Four years of experience teaching accounting in a four-year college or university accredited by one of the

regional accrediting associations or in a college or university determined by the Board to have standards substantially equivalent to a regionally accredited institution.

- 3. Four years of experience in the field of accounting.
- 4. Four years of experience teaching college transfer accounting courses at a community college or technical institute accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations.
- 5. Any combination of such experience determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the foregoing.

The Board may permit persons otherwise eligible to take its examinations and withhold certificates until the person has had the required experience.

For additional information regarding NCGS 93-12(5), visit the Board's web site (www.state.nc.us/cpabd) and click on the "Information on the 150-hour Requirement," link.

2001 Board Meetings

January 22

February 19

March 16

April 23

May 21 June 25

July 23

August 20

September 18

October 22

November 19

December 18

All Board meetings are held at the Board's offices and are open to the public. However, under State law, some portions of the meetings are closed to the public.

Amended Rules Effective January 1, 2001

In November 1998, the Board conducted a public rule-making hearing to amend the North Carolina Accountancy Rules. Although most of the changes were effective April 1, 1999, two of the amended rules have an effective date of January 1, 2001.

The amended rules read as follows:

8A.0309 CONCENTRATION IN ACCOUNTING

- (a) A concentration in accounting shall include:
- (1) at least 30 semester hours, or the equivalent in quarter hours, of undergraduate accountancy courses which shall include no more than six semester hours of accounting principles and no more than three semester hours of business law; or
- (2) at least 20 semester hours or the equivalent in quarter hours, of graduate accounting courses that are open exclusively to graduate students; or
- (3) a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses which would be equivalent to Subparagraph (1) or (2).
- (b) In recognition of differences in the level of graduate and undergraduate courses, one semester (or quarter) hour of graduate study in accounting shall be considered the equivalent of one and one-half semester (or quarter) hours of undergraduate study in accounting.
- (c) Up to four semester hours, or the equivalent in quarter hours, of graduate income tax courses completed in law schools may count toward the semester hour requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
- (d) Where, in the Board's discretion, an accounting course duplicates another course previously taken, only the semester (or quarter) hours of one of the courses shall be counted in determining if the applicant has a concentration in accounting.

- (e) Accounting courses include such courses as principles courses at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels; managerial accounting; business law; cost accounting; fund accounting; auditing; and taxation. There are many college courses offered that would be helpful in the practice of accountancy, but are not included in the definition of a concentration in accounting. Such courses include business finance, business management, computer science, economics, writing skills, accounting internships, and CPA exam review.
- (f) A candidate who has conditional credit prior to January 1, 2001, may continue to apply to sit for the examination as long as the conditional credit is valid. A candidate who no longer has valid conditional credit after January 1, 2001, shall be required to meet all education requirements in effect at the time of the candidate's subsequent application.

21 NCAC 8F .0410 EDUCATION REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES FOR CPA CERTIFICATION

- (a) G.S. 93-12(5)(a) sets forth the education required of candidates applying for CPA certification. The 150 semester hours required shall include a concentration in accounting, as defined by 21 NCAC 8A .0309, and other courses as required by the Board as follows: 24 semester hours of coursework which shall include one three semester hour course from at least eight of the following ten fields of study:
 - (1) communications;
 - (2) computer technology;
 - (3) economics;
 - (4) ethics;
 - (5) finance;
 - (6) humanities/social science;
 - (7) international environment;
 - (8) law;
 - (9) management; or
 - (10) statistics.

(b) Anyone applying for CPA certification who holds a Master's or more advanced degree in accounting, tax law, economics, finance, business administration, or a law degree with an emphasis in taxation or accounting from an accredited college or university or the equivalent thereof shall be in compliance with G.S. 93-12(5)(a).

Taxpayer Alert

The North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR) recently announced that the following software developers are not authorized to produce North Carolina tax forms in Year 2001:

Aatrix Software
Coopers & Lybrand
DA Bailey & Sons Publishing Co.
Federal Liaison Services
Form IQ
Parsons Technology
Paycor
The Payroll People
Pencil Pushers
SCS Compute
TREC Software

According to the NCDOR, tax forms that are generated using unapproved software cannot be processed through the NCDOR's automated processing equipment and will be rejected.

Taxpayers who submit forms from unauthorized software companies will be asked to resubmit original NCDOR forms or forms generated by an authorized software developer. In addition, any refund due may be delayed until the form is processed.

Applications for the May 2001 Uniform CPA Examination are now available. Please call the toll-free application line (1-800-211-7930) to request an application.

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